

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2, 2024



EVENTS 12/2-12/15 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

12/2-12/8 (B-WEEK)

12/9-12/15 (A-WEEK)

<p>Term 2 Essential Guiding Question: What Makes a Lifelong Learner?</p> <p>Homeroom: We Engage, Contribute, and Connect to the World; We Identify Needs and Advocate for Ourselves and Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Girls' Basketball Game @ Lehi Jr. 3:00-4:30 2 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Lehi Jr. 3:00-4:30 2 Ballroom 2:25-3:30 4 Ballroom 1:25-2:40 5 German Christkindlmarkt Field Trip 9:15-1:30 5 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Timberline 3:00-4:30 5 Boys' Basketball Game @ Timberline 3:00-4:30 5 Choir Christmas Concerts 6:00-8:00 5-6 District Honor Band 5 District Ballroom Social 6 Life Skills to BYU 9:30-1:00 6 9th Grade Winter Night Dance 7:00-8:30 	<p>Term 2 Essential Guiding Question: What Makes a Lifelong Learner?</p> <p>Homeroom: We Engage, Contribute, and Connect to the World; We Identify Needs and Advocate for Ourselves and Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Ballroom 2:25-3:30 9 Girls' Basketball Game @ Willowcreek 3:00-4:30 9 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Willowcreek 3:00-4:30 9 Ballroom 2:25-3:30 9 PG Council PTA Reflections Awards Night 7:00 10 Choir Visits to Rocky Mountain/Lindon 9:15-1:30 11 Ballroom 1:25-2:40 11 Girls' Basketball Game @ PGJR 3:00-4:30 11 Boys' Basketball Game vs. PGJR 3:00-4:30 11 Band Christmas Concert 6:00 12 Girls' Basketball Game @ MRJH 3:00-4:30 12 Boys' Basketball Game vs. MRJH 3:00-4:30 12 Orchestra Christmas Concerts 6:00-8:00
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Today's message was written while watching the Oak Canyon Boys' Basketball team play Lehi Junior High. I am so proud of our Eagles--they played hard the entire game and never gave up hope. I'm proud of our coaches for helping our students to have an opportunity to develop their talents and grow together as a team. I'm proud of our encouraging fans and mascot--motivating the team and crowd to keep engaging. One of my former students was in attendance at the game. Her son plays for Lehi Junior. I loved to hear her talk about how clean and beautiful our school is and what a great atmosphere we have at Oak Canyon. I think too often we look at the score at the end of a game as the only measure of success. The score is one measure, and this time we did not win the game. However, we went out united together as a team and played hard the

entire time. I loved watching the players meet up with their families after the game to feel their unconditional love and support. There were many victories today. Which is a good reminder that no matter what challenge lies ahead, don't forget to look for the progress you are making in pursuit of the challenge. Don't forget to cheer each other on and bring out the best in those around you. Oak Canyon Eagles, thanks for making my day!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

Student Spotlight: Natalie Jensen

Natalie is an 8th grader at Oak Canyon. Her sister taught her to crochet when she was very young. She's amazingly skilled at completing patterns, understanding new patterns, and creating them herself. While she has a great mind for many subjects, she has fun making her friends and family happy by making little creatures and people out of yarn. Lately, she likes to give them outfits and costumes! Way to go, Natalie!

Students of the Week: Natalie Lafave, Tyce Eaquinto, Elizabeth Godfrey and Sara Hall! Way to go!

START SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!

Parents, we would like to spotlight Oak Canyon students that are up to great things outside of school. The challenge is that we are not always aware of these student accomplishments/events to be celebrated. Please click on this link if you'd like your student to be spotlighted in a future edition of the Principal's Newsletter!

<https://forms.gle/KvYAYNKbDtwrMbpA6>

HOLIDAY GIVING AT OCJH

Each year, we invite patrons to join our staff in making donations to help OCJH students in need at Christmas. If you are interested, you can pay at the finance office, or go to www.myschoolfees.com and select "public" for the items to choose from. You can select "holiday donation" and enter in a denomination of any amount. You can also get there by clicking on this [link](#). Funds collected will be used to purchase gift cards for students.. Donations can be submitted up until Friday, December 13. Thank you Oak Canyon for your generosity and support of our community this holiday season.

NO TARDY TERM 2 UPDATE BY POD

It is a CRAZY close competition at this point with all 4 pods having an average of 98.32% of their students on time for class for the past 5 weeks. Keep up the GREAT work this week.

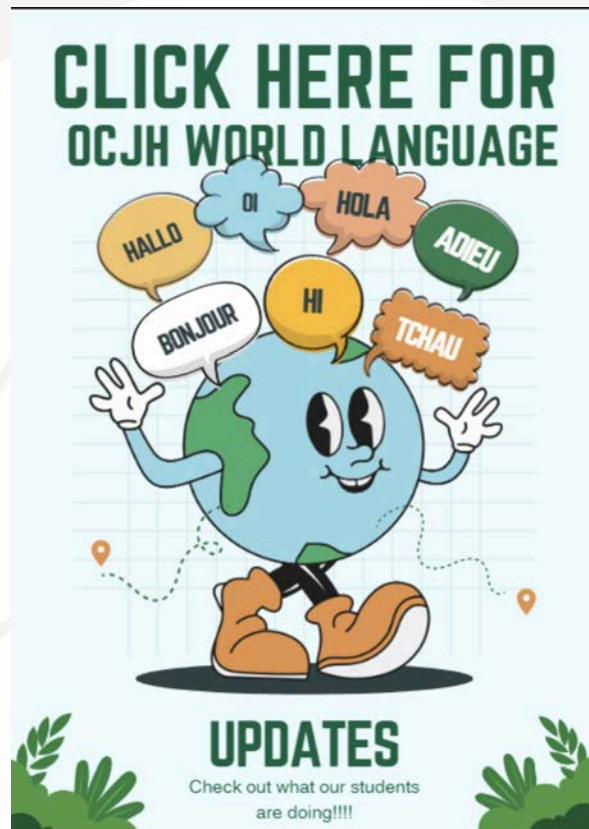
Weekly Stats:

Pod	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	Cumulative	
Water	98.75%	98.30%	98.46%	98.27%	98.25%	98.41%	1 st
Earth	98.36%	97.77%	97.90%	98.32%	98.24%	98.12%	3 rd

Air	98.19%	97.98%	98.13%	98.22%	98.33%	98.17%	2 nd
Fire	98.70%	97.76%	98.20%	97.79%	98.00%	98.11%	4 th
Weekly %	98.5%	97.96%	98.18%	98.15%	98.20%	98.21%	98.32%

WORLD LANGUAGE WOWS

Our fantastic World Language department has put together a fantastic way to share with faculty and families the amazing things our World Language students and teachers are up to this year. Just click [here](#) to access WOWS!





FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

-Our PTSA does so much to support our school and students--selling suckers on Fridays, sponsoring the Eagle of the Month student recognitions, organizing Spirit Nights, making generous donations for school improvements, recognizing our honor roll students, and more! **We encourage all to join the PTSA**--the membership dues go a long way for our school. In addition, Eagle Cards are a great value for all of the discounted goods and services they provide. **To join the PTSA, purchase Eagle Cards, and/or donate for Teacher Birthday/Appreciation gifts, please visit the Oak Canyon PTSA store [link](#).**


COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen Your Relationships
FREE WORKSHOP
for parents of kids aged 9-14

MONDAYS 6PM-8PM
LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER
25 N Main St Lindon

Sign up now!




**GUIDING
GOOD CHOICES**


Guiding Good Choices gives families information and tools that work to protect preteens and teens from the inevitable risks they encounter as they become more independent. Families will learn ways to build or **maintain lasting relationships**, because teenagers who are more closely connected to their families have **better health and educational outcomes**.

Practicing Your Growth Mindset Class


Thursdays 5-6pm
• Sign up for each monthly session
Taught by a Master in Therapeutic Recreation MTRS

Adolescence can be a time of self-discovery and rapid growth, physically and mentally. This class will be an opportunity for **adolescents aged 12-17 to practice growth mindset through recreational therapy (RT)**. Growth mindset is a term used in positive psychology which reframes that challenges are opportunities for growth. This class will provide therapeutic activities with peers in **self-expression, healthy thinking, gratitude, learning from failure, resilience, and adaptability**.

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TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL AND LINDON CARES

present
TABLE TALKS

FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 9TH**
KIM WILSON, NTP



ANXIETY & OUR BODIES

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE SESSION WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER HOW THE FOODS YOU EAT CAN IMPACT GUT HEALTH, BLOOD SUGAR, AND MENTAL WELL-BEING FOR BOTH KIDS AND ADULTS. YOU WILL WALK AWAY WITH PRACTICAL TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 13TH**
JILLIAN SEDERBERG, CTRS



EVERYDAY STRONG

LEARN HOW TO HELP YOUR TEEN TALK TO YOU WITHOUT CAUSING THEM TO SHUT DOWN. HEAR SIMPLE IDEAS TO SUPPORT MOTIVATION AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH.

**12:15PM
MEDIA CENTER**




Please RSVP using the QR code for food count




REMINDERS:

EARLY MORNING SEMINARY

We are THRILLED to announce that we just received word that we have been approved again to try to offer an early morning seminary class for OCJH 9th graders for the 2025-2026 school year. We are aware that there are some 9th graders that simply do not have enough room in their schedule to take all of the classes they would like to take, especially if they are trying to fit in Seminary. Current 8th graders have already turned in their registration forms for 9th grade; however, if you are interested in this early morning Seminary class, please reach out to your counselor immediately. Space is limited to the first 33 to contact their counselor as only one early morning class is available next year. We are hopeful that this option will meet a need and one that we can continue to offer over time. We made this option available last year, but didn't have enough students enrolled to carry the class. You may use this QR code if you are interested !



OCJH FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your students' participation in our annual Food Drive. It was a smashing success. Our Food Pantry is fully stocked and we were able to make a much appreciated donation to the Community Action Food Bank. There were 4,296 total donations! Congratulations! Here are our winning Homeroom classes:

Escobedo: 1807 (57.6 items per student)

Moorehead: 815 (27.2 items per student)

Graham: 443 (14.8 items per student)

Monson: 427 (14.7 items per student)

UNDERWATER ROBOTICS OPPORTUNITY

OCJH will be participating this year in the Utah Underwater Robotics (UUR) competition. We will be meeting on Tuesdays after school for 30-40 min starting with a kickoff information meeting on 11/19. This competition involves Science, Engineering, and is a whole lot of fun. If you have ever been interested in building robots and didn't know where to start this is the perfect opportunity for beginners to more experienced students! We hope to see you after school on Tuesday 11/19 in Mr. Escobedo's room.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

If you like reading and friendly competition, sign up in the library for Oak Canyon's Battle of the Books! Join solo, with a friend, or a whole team to win prizes, discover great books, and make new friends in a low-stress setting. Optional meetings are during lunch on the first Wednesday of each month in the library. School tournament in March. Don't miss out on the fun and bragging rights!

BARK FOR SCHOOLS--PLEASE READ

Digital safety is critically important to us at Oak Canyon which is why we are now using Bark for Schools to help us protect our students both online and in real life.

Bark monitors for signs of potential issues like:

- Cyberbullying
- Suicidal ideation
- Sexual predators
- Threats of violence
- And more

Alerts at the first signs of danger:

When possible dangers arise on school-issued accounts, Bark for Schools sends us alerts so we can address the situation in a timely manner. These alerts also give us insights that help us promote the wellness of the entire student body.

Sign up to get alerts with Parent Portal:

Kids use their school-issued accounts both at school and at home, and families are often in a better position to respond to urgent alerts after hours, on weekends, and during breaks. In the coming week, you will receive an invitation to create your free account for the Bark for Schools Parent Portal. As soon as you opt-in, you'll be able to receive alerts if Bark detects potentially time-sensitive issues. Some alerts may be triggered by the system, but you

will find there is no legitimate concern. Just because an alert is triggered does not mean a student has done anything wrong. Bark is an early warning system to allow you and the school to determine if there are legitimate concerns.

Check out these parenting resources

- [Visit](#) the Bark Blog to stay informed on all things kids and tech.
- [Download](#) this guide for helpful tips on talking to your child about common issues.
- [Join](#) the Parenting in a Tech World Facebook group and connect with other parents raising kids in the digital age.

Learn more about [Bark for Schools](#) — including their commitment to [student privacy](#). If you have additional questions, please contact us by replying to this email. Thank you for your support as we strive to help keep our students safe online.

